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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:49 AM
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Cc: Matt McGregor
Subject: David Stringer

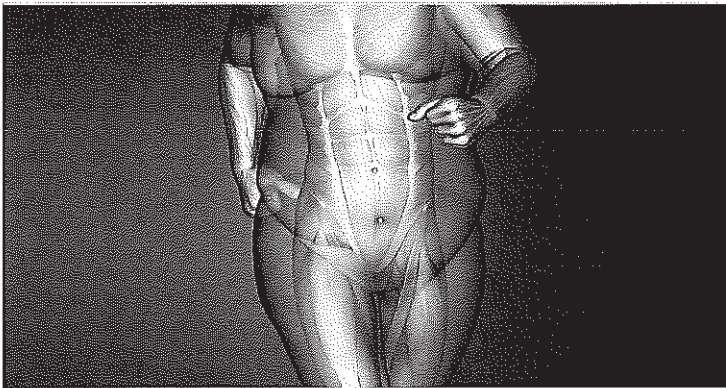
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Good morning, Sulema. Would you please open a file against David Stringer. The complainant is the State Bar. Please assign to Matt. Thanks

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Arizona Rep. David Stringer faces expulsion calls after charges from 1983 revealed

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Rep. David Stringer (Photo: Associated Press)

Democrats in the Arizona House of Representatives are demanding state Rep. David Stringer resign or face expulsion over a report that he was charged with sex offenses in 1983.

The *Phoenix New Times* published a story (<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/court-records-arizona-lawmaker-david-stringer-charged-child-porn-1983-11183294>) Friday about Stringer facing several sex-related charges, according to Maryland state court records obtained by the publication.

At least one of the offenses was related to child pornography, the records state. It's unclear, from available court records, what happened with that charge.

The revelations have again led to calls for Stringer's resignation, and a fellow Republican lawmaker said she plans to file an ethics complaint against him.

Last year, numerous Republicans and Democrats called for Stringer, R-Phoenix, to step down after a series of his racist comments made international

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But the embattled lawmaker has no plans to step down, according to 12News (<http://www.12news.com/video/news/politics/rep-david-stringer-responds-to-child-porn-charges/75-99eb6149-bcd4-4eb3-8121-33c9e5d48d9>). He told the station he's never been convicted of a crime.

In a text message to a 12News reporter, he said, "Resigning over a 35 year old allegation for which I was not convicted and which was expunged would set an incredibly bad precedent.

"My life was touched by the criminal justice system many years ago but I escaped the worst consequences."

Stringer didn't respond to repeated requests for comment from *The Arizona Republic* about details of his 1983 case. However, a right-leaning media outlet reported about his case earlier this month.

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The Arizona Daily Independent (<https://arizonadailyindependent.com/2019/01/16/experience-drives-david-stringers-empathy-for-those-trapped-in-unjust-system/>) reported that the case started in September 1983, when police officers showed up at Stringer's home over "false" accusations that he had pornography and had patronized prostitutes.

"Stringer didn't have pornography of any kind in his home and those charges were later dropped," the *Independent's* report states. "But two prostitutes who had been arrested earlier were offering up names in exchange for leniency from prosecutors, and one of the people they claimed was a client was David Stringer."

The article did not cite a source or any other evidence for those statements.

What Stringer's court records show

Court records posted online by the *New Times* include a case history that states in two places, "Charge is child pornography." The outcome of the charge or charges is unclear from the documents.

It's also unclear what other specific charges he faced, with entries in the document stating "SEX02" and "SEX04" under different case numbers.

Many details of what happened are unknown given the matter was reportedly expunged, meaning records of the case were erased.

Microfilm of his case history was mistakenly provided to the *New Times*, according to a Maryland Judiciary spokeswoman quoted in that publication's report.

The spokeswoman instructed the paper to destroy the records.

According to the case history, the court entered a judgment of guilt on some combination of charges. Stringer was sentenced to 5 years of probation and ordered to complete 208 hours of community service per year.

Court records also list another part of Stringer's apparent sentence: "Defendant is to seek admission to Dr. Berlin's Program at Hopkins." The *New Times* reported a man named Dr. Frederick Berlin is currently the director of the Sexual Behavior Consultation Unit at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Stringer reportedly told the *Daily Independent* that he accepted a plea of "probation before judgment" on two misdemeanor counts to avoid the possibility of a conviction.

"Weighing the litigation risk against a sure thing, he accepted the deal, completed his community service probation, and the matter was later expunged," the conservative publication's article states, apparently quoting the lawmaker.

Democrats and some Republicans: Time for Stringer to resign

House Minority Co-Whip Reginald Bolding, D-Phoenix, said the latest revelations about Stringer show he can no longer be an effective legislator for his district.

"We believe that he needs to resign," Bolding told *The Arizona Republic*. "In the absence of a resignation, the House has to show leadership and push for expulsion. It gives Arizona a black eye... we have to take action."

Rep. David Stringer faces another scandal with 1983 sex crime charges

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Prior to Friday's revelations, Bolding had led an effort to formally censure Stringer on the House floor over his "white supremacist" comments about race.

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The Arizona Democratic Party echoed that call for expulsion in a press statement from spokesman Les Braswell: "These latest revelations of sexual misconduct go beyond the pale of his already disgusting behavior as an elected official in Arizona."

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Stringer also faces increasing calls for his resignation from fellow Republicans. Gov. Doug Ducey on Friday called for him to step down — for the third time in a year.

"I've already said he should resign and step down, and I stand by that statement," Ducey told reporters.

State Rep. Kelly Townsend, R-Mesa, said she plans to file a complaint against Stringer with the House Ethics Committee, the body that typically investigates ethical issues involving lawmakers, on Monday. She also called for him to resign.

"The reputation of our institution must remain intact, and the cumulative and escalating nature of the recent unfortunate events places that in jeopardy," Townsend said in a statement.

House speaker: Stringer needs to 'reflect'

But House Speaker Rusty Bowers, R-Mesa, stopped short of calling for Stringer's resignation.

"I spoke to him and expressed my deep concern with the article and its implications," Bowers said in a statement. "Rep. Stringer may have fulfilled the legal consequences of his actions, but I believe that charges of this nature cast a shadow over the entire Legislature and his ability to be an effective legislator."

Bowers said he's asked Stringer to "reflect" on demands that he step down.

Calls for Stringer's resignation started last June, when he was filmed telling a room of Republican activists that immigration poses an "existential threat" to America (</story/news/politics/arizona/2019/01/13/arizona-legislature-no-code-conduct-despite-pledge-create-one/2473489002/>) adding "there aren't enough white kids to go around" in Arizona public schools.

He continued to make waves throughout the year with controversial comments and writings about race. Ducey and numerous other leaders demanded he resign.

In November, the *New Times* published recordings (</story/news/politics/arizona/2018/11/30/arizona-rep-david-stringer-facing-calls-step-down-said-african-americans-dont-blend/2166952002/>) of comments Stringer made to a group of university students. Among other remarks, the lawmaker said, "African-Americans and other racial groups don't ... blend in."

Stringer blamed both controversies on media outlets misreporting his statements. He pointed to his re-election margin as his chief defense — 67,023 voters returned him to office (</story/news/politics/arizona/2018/12/12/david-stringer-controversy-why-did-arizonans-prescott-voters-elect-him/2230605002/>) in November.

"I am not going to disenfranchise the thousands and thousands of people who just returned me to office a month ago," he said last year.

On Thursday, Stringer surprised his House colleagues when he apologized for his comments (</story/news/politics/legislature/2019/01/24/az-representative-david-stringer-apologizes-months-after-racial-comments/2672237002/>) on the House floor.

"I believe, on reflection, I have a duty to apologize to you as my colleagues," he said. "I apologize to you. I apologize to the speaker. I apologize to our staff here at the House. And I apologize to the public."

Stringer an advocate for reform of criminal justice system

Stringer has been one of the Legislature's most vocal advocates for criminal justice reform. This session, he's sponsoring a bill that would allow convicted adult sex offenders to petition a court to remove their duty to register after 10 years.

He's also an attorney and has been a member of the State Bar of Arizona since January 2004, according to online records.

Attorneys are admitted to the bar through the Arizona Supreme Court.

A spokeswoman for the court said it cannot release records from Stringer's application, citing a rule that requires admission applications be kept confidential.

The court's rules of admission (https://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/26/admis/2017/RulesOfAdmission_2017.pdf?ver=2017-01-26-132310-033) for attorneys state there is a presumption that applicants who have "been convicted of a misdemeanor involving a serious crime or of any felony must be denied admission." However, a reevaluation committee can recommend applicants with prior conviction be admitted.

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It's unclear if Stringer disclosed his Maryland plea in his application to practice law in Arizona.

The *Independent* reported that Stringer's bar admission in Arizona, and earlier Maryland, "required not just technical competence but police clearances and character and fitness investigations, which meant disclosing not just convictions, but arrests themselves.

"He said that he has always fully complied with those requirements and is proud that since his first admission to practice law in 1978, over 40 years ago, he has maintained an unblemished record as an attorney," the article states.

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From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 10:16 AM
To: 'dhsndc@msn.com'
Subject: SBA File No. 19-0274, Complainant State Bar of Arizona

Good Morning, Representative Stringer,

I am writing to you in follow up to a voicemail that I just left for you.

My name is Matt McGregor and I am Staff Bar Counsel with the State Bar of Arizona's Intake Department.

I called and am writing to advise you that a charge has been opened here at the State Bar of Arizona based of the recent information found in local media. The file no. is 19-0274, and the State Bar of Arizona is listed as the Complainant.

At your convenience, please call me so that we may discuss the matter. The issue that is being looked into mainly is whether or not the information being referenced in the recent media reports was disclosed as part of your admission's process as a Member of the State Bar of Arizona.

My contact information, including my direct phone number, can be located below.

Thank you in advance, Sir.



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From: Carmen Chenal <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Matt McGregor
Subject: Re: File No. 19-0274, Respondent David Stringer

Yes Matt . I may in the future but not now. All my best, Carmen not Ms. Chenal 😊

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2019, at 2:17 PM, Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org> wrote:

Hi, Ms. Chenal,

So, just to confirm, you are not representing Representative Stringer on this bar charge matter, and I can direct my communications to Representative Stringer, correct?

Please advise at your convenience.

Thank you, Ms. Chenal.

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From: Carmen Chenal [<mailto:carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Subject: Re: File No. 19-0274, Respondent David Stringer

Matt so great to hear from you. I just called and left a message for David. I represent him in the legislature matter but not in the bar matter. I may down the road if there is a complaint. I told him that you are fair and if I were him I would cooperate with you 100%.

All my best,
Carmen

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2019, at 12:44 PM, Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon, Ms. Chenal,

I just received a phone call from Representative David Stringer, who advised me that he has retained you to represent him in the above referenced matter. We will add you to our file as Respondent's Counsel.

Representative Stringer was calling me back from a voicemail that I just left for him minutes before. When I spoke with Representative Stringer about this matter over the telephone yesterday, he advised me that the D.C. Bar took the matter up in 1984 and then dismissed it.

I reached out to the folks in Washington D.C. to see if they had any records or documentation of the 1984 matter that they opened and dismissed regarding the criminal matter from 1983.

They may have something, but if they do, they would need Representative Stringer's consent and permission to provide those materials, whatever they have, if they have anything at all, to me so I can add it to our file here and review it.

Would Representative Stringer be willing to provide that consent and permission to the Washington D.C. bar?

Please advise at your convenience. If there is anything that you need from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. My direct phone number is listed below. I look forward to working with you on this matter.

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From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Lawrence Bloom; 'Julia L. Porter'; 'dhsndc@msn.com'
Subject: Washington DC Bar matter David H Stringer

Good Afternoon, Representative Stringer, Ms. Porter, and Mr. Bloom,

I am sending this email in reference to our conversation earlier today.

Representative Stringer informed me that he wished to contact you and discuss what, if anything, that your office maintained as a record or documentation from this 1984 matter, and also wanted to discuss the D.C. rules governing its public availability at this time, as he may wish to seek a protective order here in Arizona over anything obtained.

Representative Stringer, Ms. Julia Porter is the Deputy Disciplinary Counsel for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel in Washington D.C., and Mr. Lawrence Bloom is the Senior Staff Attorney in that same office.

The general phone number for the office is 202-638-1501.

You can reach Ms. Porter at ext. 1715.

You can reach Mr. Bloom at ext. 1744.

Representative Stringer, please contact Ms. Porter or Mr. Bloom to discuss this documentation and your questions.

Thanks to you all in advance for your assistance.



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From: Carmen Chenal <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Matt McGregor
Subject: Representative David H. Stringer

Dear Mr. McGregor,

This email serves to confirm that I am representing Representative David Stringer in the State Bar file number 19 - 0274 matter. I would appreciate it if you could forward to me the contact information from the DC bar so that I can obtain the pertinent records. Looking forward to resolving this with you. All my best Carmen

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From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:25 PM
To: 'Julia L. Porter'; 'Lawrence Bloom'
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Good Afternoon, Ms. Porter and Mr. Bloom,

I just wanted to give you a heads up. Representative Stringer has retained counsel in the matter here in Arizona. Her name is Carmen Chenal. I will be forwarding to her the email I sent to everyone yesterday afternoon. She will be the one contacting you.

Thank you again for the help and assistance!



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From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:26 PM
To: 'Julia L. Porter' <porterj@dcodc.org>; Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Thank you both, so very much!



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To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>; Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

That's fine to use us both as points of contact. Our telephone number is (202) 638-1501. I'm at extension 1715, and Lawrence is 1744. Julia

From: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:23 PM
To: Julia L. Porter <porterj@dcodc.org>; Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Hi, Ms. Porter and Mr. Bloom,

I have spoken with Representative Stringer. He would like to speak with you regarding what, if anything, you guys have, and then also he may have some questions about what, if anything, is publicly available pursuant to your Rules, as he may wish to seek a protective order here in Arizona over whatever we obtain from you, if anything.

So, I am going to send an email to Representative Stringer and to you both stating that, and also providing the generic phone number for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Is it OK if Representative Stringer uses both of you as a point of contact?

Thanks again in advance for your help!



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Hi, Ms. Porter,

Understood. I will reach out to him. Thank you!



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Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Dear Matt, You would have to get Mr. Stringer's permission before we could disclose the contents of our files. Julia

From: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:47 AM
To: Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>
Cc: Julia L. Porter <porterj@dcodc.org>
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Hi, Mr. Bloom and Ms. Porter,

It absolutely helps, thank you so much.

I know it is a shot in the dark, but is there any chance that any documentation still exists from the 1984 matter? I am assuming not, but thought I would take the shot in the dark.

Thanks to you both!



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From: Lawrence Bloom [<mailto:blooml@dcodc.org>]**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:41 AM**To:** Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>**Cc:** Julia L. Porter <porterj@dcodc.org>**Subject:** FW: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Hi Matt –

Our electronic database reveals there were two docketed matters against Mr. Stringer, one in 1984 and one in 1999, both of which were dismissed within several months of being opened. Mr. Stringer is also licensed in Maryland according to our records.

Hope that helps.

Best regards,

Lawrence

Find A Member Search Results

Records matching your search criteria: 1

To learn if there is any disciplinary proceedings for the following attorneys, please visit the [disciplinary system](#).

1.

David H Stringer

231 S Marina ST

Prescott AZ 86303-3942

UNITED STATES

Email:

Phone: (928)848-1518

Membership Status: Good Standing

Membership Type: INACTIVE ATTORNEY

Date of Admission: 05/26/1978

From: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:58 AM
To: Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>
Subject: RE: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Good Morning, Mr. Bloom,

Absolutely no apologies are necessary. Thank you for returning my call via email.

No, Mr. Stringer's full name "David H Stringer."

Here is a hyperlink to what I found on the DC Bar website for attorney searches, with a screenshot attached in case the hyperlink does not work.

<https://join.dcbar.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=dcbar&WebCode=FindMemberResults>

Thank you so much for whatever assistance you and your staff can provide!!



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From: Lawrence Bloom [<mailto:blooml@dcodc.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:17 AM
To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Cc: Sarah N. Lee <lees@dcodc.org>
Subject: Former DC Bar Member David Stranger

Hi Matt –

I was in New York City yesterday and am sorry to have missed your call.

Does the Respondent who was a former DC Bar member and is currently under investigation in Arizona spell his name "David Stranger." I do not see him listed in our system but before I asked Sarah to check old paper records I wanted to ensure we had the correct name spelling.

Best regards,

Lawrence

Lawrence Bloom
Senior Staff Attorney
Office of Disciplinary Counsel
515 Fifth Street, NW
Building A, Room 117
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 638-1501

Sandra Montoya

From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:26 PM
To: 'Carmen Chenal'
Subject: FW: Washington DC Bar matter David H Stringer

Good Afternoon, Ms. Chenal,

I got your voicemail and email. I am sorry to have missed your call.

Below you will find the email I sent to Representative Stringer and the folks out in D.C. There contact information is within.

Please let me know if you need anything else.



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From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Lawrence Bloom <blooml@dcodc.org>; 'Julia L. Porter' <porterj@dcodc.org>; 'dhsndc@msn.com' <dhsndc@msn.com>
Subject: Washington DC Bar matter David H Stringer

Good Afternoon, Representative Stringer, Ms. Porter, and Mr. Bloom,

I am sending this email in reference to our conversation earlier today.

Representative Stringer informed me that he wished to contact you and discuss what, if anything, that your office maintained as a record or documentation from this 1984 matter, and also wanted to discuss the D.C. rules governing its public availability at this time, as he may wish to seek a protective order here in Arizona over anything obtained.

Representative Stringer, Ms. Julia Porter is the Deputy Disciplinary Counsel for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel in Washington D.C., and Mr. Lawrence Bloom is the Senior Staff Attorney in that same office.

The general phone number for the office is 202-638-1501.

You can reach Ms. Porter at ext. 1715.

You can reach Mr. Bloom at ext. 1744.

Representative Stringer, please contact Ms. Porter or Mr. Bloom to discuss this documentation and your questions.

Thanks to you all in advance for your assistance.



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Sandra Montoya

From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 2:04 PM
To: 'Carmen Chenal'
Subject: RE: Representative David Stringer

Hi, Carmen,

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Also, as an FYI, I heard from the Court today that they do not have a copy of Representative Stringer's application and character and fitness information. I just wanted to let you know.

Please let me know where we stand on the documentation from D.C., when you can. Thanks, Carmen!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carmen Chenal [mailto:carmenchenallaw@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>
Subject: Representative David Stringer

Thank you so much for your voice mail clarified everything for me. I have a trial this coming week but will call you. All my best, Carmen Sent from my iPhone

Sandra Montoya

From: Carmen chenallaw <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Matt McGregor
Subject: Representative Stringer Matter
Attachments: Dismissal letter dated May 29.docx; DC BAR COUNSEL PORTER CONFIRMING DISMIDAL OF 1984 STRINGER MATTER.docx; DC BAR COUNSEL PORTER EMAIL.docx; DISMISSAL LETTER.pdf

Dear Mr. McGregor,

Simultaneously with this email I am handdelivering to you copies of the attached documents which include a dismissal by the D.C.Bar of the 1984 investigative matter in question, and several emails from the D.C. Bar regarding the same.

As you know Representative Stringer has never been disciplined during his entire legal career. Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you for your assistance.

Appreciatively,

Carmen

Carmen A. Chenal, Esq.

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Email: Carmenchenallaw@gmail.com

Documents relating to David Springer

Inbox



Julia L. Porter

Tue, Feb 5,
8:10 AM

to me

Dear Ms. Chenal – Our case manager says that we have no additional documents for the two matters that were investigated and ultimately dismissed. The dismissal letters were scanned and saved electronically but the other documents in of the files were destroyed. Feel free to contact me if you need anything else from our office.

Sincerely,

Julia Porter
Deputy Disciplinary Counsel
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Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 638-1501, ext. 1715
(202) 638-0862 (Fax)

Dismissal letter dated May 29, 1984

Inbox



Julia L. Porter

Wed, Feb 13, 2:32 PM (9 days ago)

to me

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to Julia, bcc: Carmen, bcc: Jeff

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Julia L. Porter

Thu, Feb 21, 2:54 PM (1 day ago)

to me

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Re: Representative David Stringer
Date: August 22, 2018

To: Bar Counsel Mr. Matt McGregor

Dear Matt,

I am writing this letter quickly as the runner arrived early. Enclosed is our response.
Please know how much I have appreciated your help. I hope this suffices.

Sincerely,

Carmen

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Mr Matt Mc Gregor
Bar Counsel

Sandra Montoya

From: Matt McGregor
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 11:46 AM
To: 'Carmen Chenal'
Subject: PO Motion Template
Attachments: DRAFT Motion for Protective Order.docx

Good Morning, Carmen,

Here is a template for a Motion for Protective Order.



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Sandra Montoya

From: Carmen chenall <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Matt McGregor
Subject: Re: Request for PO and Order

I give you permission to file it for me . Thank you so much. Carmen

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Email: Carmenchenallaw@gmail.com

On Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 3:12 PM Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon, Carmen,

Everything looks fine to me.

So, either we can file it for you, which means that you will have to give me permission in writing to sign and file it on your behalf, or, you can fill out the signature and mailing cert and file it with the Disciplinary Clerk, and then send conformed copies to everyone on the cert.

If you want me to sign and file on your behalf, just email me that we have your permission, and I will add your email as an exhibit to the Request itself, and add a small line at the end of the Request stating that you have given me permission to do so.

Thanks in advance,



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From: Carmen chenai [mailto:carmenchenallaw@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 12:14 PM

To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>

Subject: Request for PO and Order

Matt if caption etc. correct please file for us. If not please let me know.
Thanks for all your patience and help. Have a nice day. Carmen

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Sandra Montoya

From: Teri A. Baldonado
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:44 AM
To: 'officepdj@courts.az.gov'
Cc: Matt McGregor; 'carmenchenallaw@gmail.com'
Subject: SBA File no. 19-0274
Attachments: Order.doc; 19-0274 Request for PO.PDF

Good Morning PDJ,

Attached Order and Request for PO will be sent in today's court run.

Thank you,



Teri Baldonado, Legal Secretary To
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From: Carmen Chenal <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Teri A. Baldonado
Cc: officepdj@courts.az.gov; Matt McGregor
Subject: Re: SBA File no. 19-0274

Thank you Teri. Carmen

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2019, at 10:43 AM, Teri A. Baldonado <Teri.Baldonado@staff.azbar.org> wrote:

Good Morning PDJ,

Attached Order and Request for PO will be sent in today's court run.

Thank you,

<image001.gif>

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3 7272 East Indian School Road Suite 566
4 Scottsdale, Arizona 85251
5 Carmenchenallaw@gmail.com
6 *Attorney for Respondent*

OFFICE OF THE
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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

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BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

7 IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE
8 STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

PO No. 2019-020

REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE
ORDER SEALING THE RECORD

9 DAVID H. STRINGER
10 Bar No. 19604

State Bar File: 19-0274

13 Respondent, David H. Stringer, through counsel undersigned,
14 respectfully requests that the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme
15 Court of Arizona (PDJ), grant Respondent's Request for a Protective Order,
16 pursuant to Rule 70(g) of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Rule 70(g) permits a
17 party or person, with good cause shown, to request that the Presiding
18 Disciplinary Judge issue an order sealing a portion of the record of a state bar
19 file and for the PDJ to take other measures to assure the confidentiality of the
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1 sealed information. According to the rule, the material sealed shall remain
2 confidential.

3 The protective order sought here requests that a May 29, 1984, letter of
4 dismissal from the D.C. Bar ("the letter") relating to its investigation of Mr.
5 Stringer be disclosed to the State Bar of Arizona, but otherwise sealed from
6 the public. The public includes but is not limited to all governmental entities
7 and agencies including but not limited to the Arizona Legislature, Executive
8 branch agencies, city, county, and other municipal agencies, all public and
9 private media including print, TV, cable, internet, cellular and wireless
10 communications, all business entities, private individuals and the general
11 public.
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15 The reason for sealing the information from the public is as follows: The
16 letter was issued in connection with an investigation more than three
17 decades ago by the D.C. Bar, "which is confidential and shielded from public
18 disclosure pursuant to DC Bar Rule XI, 17(a)," per The Office of Disciplinary
19 Counsel in Washington D.C. The letter also includes references to sensitive
20 personal matters that have been expunged from record by the Maryland court
21 since the letter of dismissal was written.
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24 The disclosure of the letter or information contained in it would violate
25 Respondent's right to privacy and could be misinterpreted, selectively
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1 reported or otherwise used to harm Respondent's reputation, personal
2 character, and professional standing.

3 Respondent is an elected official currently serving in the Arizona
4 legislature. Disclosure of information in the letter could be used by political
5 opponents to impugn Respondent's reputation and character, harm him
6 politically, or influence the outcome of an election, causing irreparable harm
7 to Respondent, his constituents, and the governance of the State of Arizona.
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10 The State Bar of Arizona wishes to review and obtain a copy of the
11 letter and does not oppose this request for a Protective Order, as the Rules of
12 the originating disciplinary authority state that this material is not publicly
13 available, as confirmed by The Office of Disciplinary Counsel in Washington
14 D.C.
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16 For all the above reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that the
17 protective order be granted.
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19 A proposed Protective Order is attached as Exhibit A.

20 Counsel for Respondent has given her authority to Staff Bar Counsel
21 Matt McGregor to sign and file this Request for Protective Order on her behalf.
22 See Exhibit B.
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1 DATED this 7th day of March 2019.

2 CHENAL LAW FIRM PLLC

#021221

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4 FOR

Carmen A. Chenal, Esq.
7272 East Indian School Road Suite 566
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251
CarmenChenallaw@gmail.com
Attorneys for Respondent

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8 Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk of
9 the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge
10 of the Supreme Court of Arizona
11 this 7th day of March, 2019.

12 Copy of the foregoing emailed
13 this 7th day of March, 2019, to:

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15 The Honorable William J. O'Neil
16 Presiding Disciplinary Judge
17 Supreme Court of Arizona
18 1501 West Washington Street, Suite 102
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007
20 E-mail: officepdj@courts.az.gov

21 Copy of the foregoing emailed
22 this 7th day of March, 2019, to:

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24 Matthew E. McGregor
25 Staff Bar Counsel
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1 Arizona State Bar
2 4201 North 24th Street
3 Suite 100
4 Phoenix, Arizona 85016

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6 Copy of the foregoing emailed
7 this 7th day of March, 2019, to:

8 Lawyer Regulation Records Manager
9 State Bar of Arizona
10 4201 N. 24th St., Suite 100
11 Phoenix, Arizona 85016-6266

12 by: *L. A. Baldonado*
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Exhibit A

1 Carmen A. Chenal, #009428
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Attorney for Respondent

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5 **BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE**

6 **IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE**
7 **STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**

PO No.

ORDER SEALING THE RECORD

State Bar File:19-0274

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9 **DAVID H. STRINGER**
BAR No. 19604

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13 Pursuant to Respondent's request for a Protective Order, according to Rule
14 70(g) of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court 70(g), and for good cause
15 shown, it is ordered as follows:
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17 **IT IS ORDERED** that the May 29, 1984, letter of dismissal from the D.C.
18 Bar relating to their investigation of Mr. Stringer is to be disclosed to the
19 State Bar of Arizona, but otherwise sealed from the public. The public
20 includes but is not limited to all governmental entities and agencies including
21 but not limited to the Arizona Legislature, Executive branch agencies, city,
22 county, and other municipal agencies, all public and private media including
23 print, TV, cable, internet, cellular and wireless communications, all business
24 entities, private individuals and the general public.
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any references to the contents of the May 29, 1984, letter contained in any written or electronic correspondence between the parties, as well as any references to the letter's contents within any notes of the State Bar of Arizona, or other references to the contents of the May 29, 1984, letter contained in any other portion the State Bar of Arizona file, are also to be sealed pursuant to this Order.

DATED this _____ day of March 2019.

The Honorable William J. O'Neil
Presiding disciplinary Judge

Exhibit B

Teri A. Baldonado

From: Carmen chenai <carmenchenallaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:45 PM
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Everything looks fine to me.

So, either we can file it for you, which means that you will have to give me permission in writing to sign and file it on your behalf, or, you can fill out the signature and mailing cert and file it with the Disciplinary Clerk, and then send conformed copies to everyone on the cert.

If you want me to sign and file on your behalf, just email me that we have your permission, and I will add your email as an exhibit to the Request itself, and add a small line at the end of the Request stating that you have given me permission to do so.

Thanks in advance,



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To: Matt McGregor <Matt.McGregor@staff.azbar.org>

Subject: Request for PO and Order

Matt if caption etc. correct please file for us. If not please let me know.
Thanks for all your patience and help. Have a nice day. Carmen

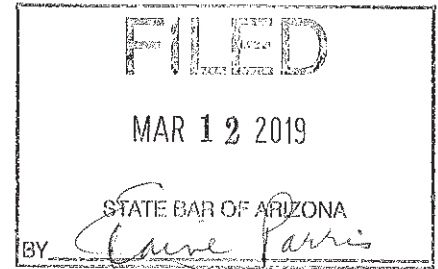
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BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,

DAVID H. STRINGER,
Bar No. 19601

Respondent.

PO 2019-020

PROTECTIVE ORDER

State Bar File No. 19-0274

Respondent filed an unopposed Request for Protective Order (Request).

Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED granting the Request.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED sealing the May 29, 1984 letter of dismissal from the D.C. Bar from the public pursuant to Rule 70(g), Ariz. R. Sup.Ct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED sealing any references to the contents of the letter between the parties or notes within the State Bar of Arizona file from the public pursuant to Rule 70(g), Ariz. R. Sup.Ct.

Pre-complaint orders sealing material do not seal such material post complaint if the material is sought to be used or referred to in subsequent pleadings

or in any hearing. In such circumstance, the parties are reminded a formal request for protective order with specificity must be filed with the material sought to be sealed and submitted for in-camera review.

Sealed material shall be opened and viewed only by an order of the committee, the presiding disciplinary judge, a hearing panel, the board or the court for use by such body and the parties in pending proceedings, and otherwise only upon notice to and an opportunity to be heard by the parties and the witness or other person who is the subject of the information. A party aggrieved by an order relating to a request for a protective order may seek review by filing a petition for special action with the court.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

William J. O'Neil
William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge

Original filed this 13 day of
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Re: File No: 19-0274
Complainant: State Bar of Arizona
Respondent: David H. Stringer

Dear Ms. Chenal:

The State Bar recently opened a bar charge against your client, Representative David H. Stringer. After our review of the charge and subsequent inquiry, we have determined that no further investigation is warranted at this time. We therefore consider this file closed.

On January 29, 2019, the State Bar of Arizona initiated this matter due to news reports that had surfaced about your client's criminal history. The matter was opened to determine if Representative Stringer had made all appropriate disclosures of this criminal matter during the admissions process to become a member of the State Bar of Arizona in 2004.

I initially spoke with Representative Stringer regarding his application for admission in Arizona. He indicated that he made all appropriate disclosures. During that contact he advised that when he was arrested in 1983 he was licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia. In early 1984, the matter was referred to the District of Columbia Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Following a review by that Office no action was taken against Representative Stringer and the matter was dismissed.

I thereafter contacted the Arizona Supreme Court Admissions Office to determine whether that office had a copy of Representative Stringer's application for admission. I was advised that the application no longer existed. I also confirmed with the District of Columbia Office of Disciplinary Counsel that the referral made in 1983 regarding this matter was dismissed without any action against Representative Stringer's license to practice law.

At this time, it does not appear that there is clear and convincing evidence or that such evidence could be developed to support the allegation that Representative Stringer failed to make the required and appropriate disclosures in seeking admission to the State Bar of Arizona.

This matter is dismissed, and our file closed. However, if additional information should come to our attention, the State Bar may reopen this matter for further investigation.

Pursuant to Rule 70(a) (4), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., the record of this charge will be public for six months from the date of this letter. This charge has no adverse impact on your client's standing with the State Bar. The record shows a charge that was dismissed. Pursuant to Rule 71, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., the State Bar file may be expunged in three years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt E. McG", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew E. McGregor
Bar Counsel - Intake

MEM/sb